Proponent Statement House Bill 586

Good Morning/afternoon, Mr/Madam Chaiman. For the record my
Name is John Gazzerro, spelled Gazzerro. I rise in support of House Bill 586.
Thank you for your concideration and support for the passage of this important Bill.

We all know fellow Montanan's 60 years old and older, they are your Mom
,Grandmother, Father and neighbor. One out of three of these Seniors depend on
services funded from the OLDER MONTANAN'S TRUST FUND. These Seniors are
161,400 in number and growing larger everyday. 2015 we will see 232,000 age 60
years
and older.

Tomorrow's older Montanan's are you, your family members and your Neighbor.

The OLDER MONTANAN'S TRUST FUND is not something New, this was
established by the "OLDER AMERICAS ACT OF 1965" and the funding usually is from
the General Fund.

The Montana Legislature is charged with funding because it is the policy of
the State Of Montana, subject to available funding, to provide a wide range of
coordinated
services to enable older Montanan's to maintain an independent lifestyle, avoid
unnecessary
institional care, and live in dignity. In reality a complete range of services is not
available
in all areas of the state and that many Montanan's lack access to the service that are
available.
The funding of the OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND extends services to all
corners of Montana.

Passing House Bill 586 will not generate new tax or take away funding for any
existing
program. The 1/2 of 1% of the tax on the oil and gas extraction that the House Bill 586
calls
for is a small portion of the revenue to the General Fund.

I recomend a due pass on House Bill 586 to fund the OLDER MONTANANS
TRUST FUND.
your Mothers, Grandmothers, Fathers and neighbors as well as I thank you.